

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 40, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Phage clones whose genomic inserts carry sequences of the ssII genes were identified and isolated via colony-plaque hybridization. To screen the genomic libraries, approx. 500,000 phages from each library were plated out. The phages were plated out and the phages were lifted following standard protocols (Sambrook et al., 1989; Stratagene Lambda Fix II® manual).

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

These amendments are introduced merely to correct errors noticed during crosschecking the English translation of the specification and the German original.

It is respectfully asserted that these amendments do not add any new matter.

If any additional fees are incurred for entry and consideration of this Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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In The Specification:

The paragraph beginning on page 36, line 7, was amended as follows:

--On April 6, 2001, plasmid p15/G comprising Seq ID NO. 1 was deposited at the DSMZ under deposition number DSM [13398] 14224.--;

The paragraph beginning on page 40, line 8, was amended as follows:

-- Phage clones whose genomic inserts carry sequences of the [gbssI] ssII genes were identified and isolated via [plaque] colony-plaque hybridization. To screen the genomic libraries, approx. 500,000 phages from each library were plated out. The phages were plated out and the phages were lifted following standard protocols (Sambrook et al., 1989; Stratagene Lambda Fix II® manual).